

# METRO Orange Line Update

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# Full Project Funding Announced November 28

- \$74 million in federal funding means transit project is fully funded
- Total project cost stable at \$150.7 million
- Federal grant moves Orange Line into final stages of construction
- FTA funds will come as a single-year grant
- Local funders include Hennepin and Dakota Counties, State of Minnesota, Met Council, and former Counties Transit Improvement Board

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Happy to announce that Minneapolis will receive a \$74M FY18 funding allocation for the Orange Line bus rapid transit project through FTA's Capital Investment Grants Program bit.ly/2Sg737b

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# **Overall Project Schedule**

	2018 Q3/Q4	2019 Q1/Q2	2019 Q3/Q4	2020 Q1/Q2	2020 Q3/Q4	2021 Q1/Q2	2021 Q3/Q4
PD/ Engineering							
SSGA Execution							
MnDOT-led Construction							
Metro Transit-led Construction							
Testing & Startup							
Revenue Service							2021



### Knox Avenue Transitway Design

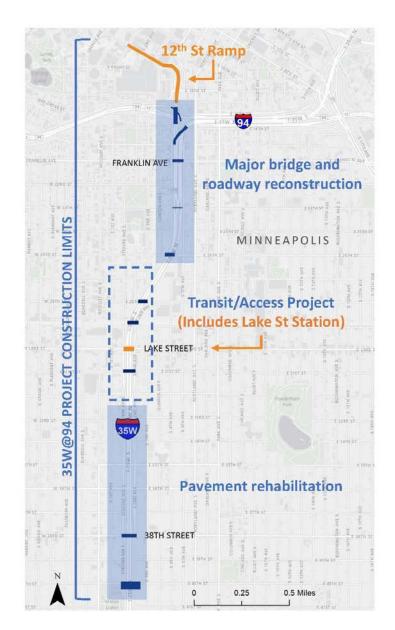






### **Construction Update**

- Two components of Orange Line scope delivered through MnDOT's 35W@94 construction project
- MnDOT transit work began in Spring 2018
  - 12<sup>th</sup> Street Ramp
  - Lake Street Station
- In November, all 35W bus routes returned to Highway 65, providing a significant time savings and travel time advantage over general purpose traffic





#### 12th Street Ramp Rendering





#### 12th Street Ramp Progress, October 2018





#### I-35W & Lake Street Station Rendering





### I-35W & Lake Street Station Progress, October 2018





# Six Month Look Ahead

- Continue major construction on Highway 65 and I-35W, closely coordinated with MnDOT
- Receive MnDOT approval of Knox Avenue Transitway design, advertise and award construction contract
- Execute Small Starts Grant Agreement with FTA
- Finalize construction agreements with MnDOT
- Plan community celebrations around Orange Line full funding and Knox construction launch
- Enter new phases of public engagement

